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Members of the Washington State Building Code Council:

Please accept the following statement regarding the proposed changes to the commercial building codes on behalf of the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC).

These proposed changes to the space heat and water heating sections of the commercial building code will increase the cost of construction and operation of new multi-family properties that are badly needed in our community because of the lack of workforce housing. This would end up affecting underrepresented demographic sectors in the Tri-Cities by not allowing them to have a rental property that is within their housing budget. This would violate the federal and state guidelines regarding social justice. Please consider the social justice and lack of workforce housing in these measures. Sincerely,

Karl Dye President/CEO TRIDEC